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IN RE THE APPLICATION OF) Examiner: Richard Cole John Gordon Rushbrooke et al.) Group Art Unit No. SERIAL NO.: 10/018,387 FILED: December 13, 2001 FOR: MICROPLATE READER

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RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM PCT LEGAL OFFICE DATED APRIL 16, 2002

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the above-identified communication, submitted herewith is a new Declaration, signed by Dr. Hooper on both her behalf and on behalf of Dr. Rushbrooke. Dr. Rushbrooke is legally incapacitated, and cannot sign the Declaration. The authority of Dr. Hooper is already of record in this application.

Any further inquires should be directed to the undersigned.

May 16, 28002

Respectfully submitted,

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